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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Dear Mr. Swartz Day:

This letter is in response to your request under the California Public Records Act dated and received by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Discovery Unit on January 10, 2019.

In your request, for the period of January 1, 2015, to January 10, 2019, you are seeking specifically:

1. Number, if any, of IMSI-catcher or cell phone interception devices (commonly called stingrays or hailstorms) owned by this department or agency.”
2. “Number, if any, of IMSI-catcher or cell phone interception devices (commonly called stingrays or hailstorms) available for use by this department or agency via collaborative agreements that were utilized within the period encompassing this request.
3. “Provide the name of the department or agency that made the IMSI-catcher devices available to this department or agency for use.”
4. “Any documents or correspondence during the period encompassing this request regarding possible or planned acquisition of an IMSI-catcher device.”

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5. "Any current or past litigation involving or referencing this department or agency involving the use of cell phone interception technology."

Although the Sheriff's Department is obligated to respond within 10 days of receipt of the request, this time limit is subject to an extension of up to fourteen (14) days under the following circumstances as defined in Government Code §6253(c)(1):

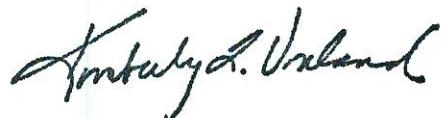
The need to search for and collect the requested records from field facilities or other establishments that are separate from the office processing the request.

In addition, please note that we may redact or withhold records if there are any exempt matters impacting the privacy rights of individuals (California Constitution, Article I, Section 1, and Government Code Sections 6254(k) and 6255(a)). Other exempt matters will include those protected by the attorney-client, official information and deliberative process privileges, pending litigation exemption, personnel exemption, or other matters otherwise protected from disclosure by law or where the particular facts and circumstances warrant nondisclosure of the information (Government Code sections 6254(b), (c), (k), and 6255(a)).

If you have any questions, please contact Lieutenant Smeltzer of the Discovery Unit at (323) 890-5000.

Sincerely,

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF



Kimberly L. Unland, Captain
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